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In re application : KLAUS UNSICKER ET AL.
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Sir:

It is requested that the time for response to the Official Action dated January 11, 2006 be extended for a (1) month period of time to end March 11, 2006, under the provisions of new Section 1.136. The fee of \$60.00 called for by Section 1.17 is to be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 1234567890.

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Small Entity Status is entitled to be, and hereby is asserted for this application.

This petition and the fee anticipate applicant's CONTINUATION APPLICATION which is being filed in response to the Official Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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